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COPENHAGEN, MARCH 15-16: AFRICA

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1. IN HIS READOUT TODAY OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING, EC
PRESIDENCY CHIEF JORGEN BOJER INFORMED US THAT IN ADDITION TO THE
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HORN (SEPTEL), POLITICAL DIRECTORS DISCUSSED A WORKING GROUP
REPORT ON THE INFLUENCE OF SOVIET POLICIES IN AFRICA AS A WHOLE;
SOUTH AFRICA; AND NAMIBIA.

2. IN DISCUSSION OF THE WORKING GROUP REPORT, POLITICAL DIRECTORS
CONCLUDED THAT THE SOVIET INFLUENCE IN AFRICA IS PERNICIOUS AND
SHOULD BUT THE REPORT, AND THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS'S CONCLUSIONS,

WERE NOT WITHOUT OPTIMISTIC ELEMENTS. THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE WEST FOR INFLUENCE IN AFRICA ARE MUCH GREATER THAN THOSE THAN CAN BE MARSHALLED BY THE SOVIETS. THE LATTER ARE REALLY ABLE ONLY TO USE MASSIVE MILITARY AID. THEY ARE CYNICALLY LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES WHERE THEY CAN FISH IN TROUBLED WATERS AND ACQUIRE INFLUENCE THROUGH THE USE OF SUCH AID AND MILITARY ADVISORS. DIRECTORS BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY IN SUSTAINING THEIR INFLUENCE AND INTERVENTION WHEN THE SITUATION STABILIZES. DIRECTORS ALSO NOTED THAT NONE OF ALMOST NONE OF THE AFRICAN STATES IS INCLINED TO BECOME A SOVIET SATELLITE. FAINALLY, THE NINE NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN ABLE TO CAPITALIZE IN AREAS EARLIER NEGLECTED BY THE WEST.

3. ON SOUTH AFRICA, BOJER NOTED THAT NOT MUCH NEW CAME OUT OF THE DIRECTORS' DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION THERE AND WHAT THE NINE MIGHT DO ABOUT IT. HE RECALLED THAT A PAPER IS BEING PREPARED FOR CONSIDERATION OF EC FOREIGN MINISTERS DURING THEIR MEETING ON POLITICAL COOPERATION ON MAY 20 (REF A). THE PAPER IS MEANT TO ISOLATE AREAS AND QUESTIONS WHERE POLITICAL-LEVEL DECISIONS ARE NEEDED.

4. BOJER DID SAY THAT HE BELIEVED THAT A DECLARATION ON SPORTS WILL PROBABLY BE READY FOR THE JUNE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING ON POLITICAL COOPERATION IN COPENHAGEN. GOVERNMENTS OF THE NINE WOULD ISSUE A STATEMENT DECRYING PARTICIPATION BY THEIR NATIONALS IN SPORTING EVENTS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM COUNTRIES WHERE

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RACIAL SEGREGATION IS PRACTICED.

5. BOJER WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE ICFTU HAS APPROACHED DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN TO INITIATE A DIALOGUE ON POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA, PARTTICULARLY AS SPELLED OUT IN THE NINE'S CODE OF CONDUCT. AGREEMENT OF THE NINE HAS NOT BEEN OBTAINED ON THE SUBSTANCE OF A RESPONSE. THE DANES BELIEVE COOPERATION WITH THE ICFTU ON THIS QUESTION WOULD BE EXTREMELY VALUABLE SINCE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THE CODE IS IMPORTANT TO OBTAIN.

6. THE BRITISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR BRIEFED THE OTHERS ON THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN THE NAMIBIAN NEGOTIATIONS. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS DECIDED TO INSTRUCT THEIR UN MISSIONS TO CONSULT ON (1) THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION, AND (2) THE SUBSTANCE OF A COMMON INTERVENTION AT THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA.

7. THE BRITISH ALSO PRESENTED A RUNDOWN ON THE BAD ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ZAMBIA AND A WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN CHARGED TO INVESTIAGE POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE THAT COULD BE PROVIDED BY THE NINE TO THAT COUNTRY. BOJER REMARKED THAT THE FOCUS OF THIS ACTIVITY WILL BE IN COREPER.

8. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, BOJER SAID THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS MADE NO COMMENT ON THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE NORDIC

FOREIGN MINISTERS AFTER THEIR MEETING IN OSLO MARCH 9-10. IN
THAT CONNECTION, BOJER REMARKED THAT POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD NOT
ADDRESSED AT THEIR MEETING THE QUESTION OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST
SOUTH AFRICA.
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